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Medication Aide Registration Grandfather Process

The South Dakota Board of Nursing is pleased to announce the implementation of a **Medication Aide Registry**. Rules were adopted in ARSD 20:48:04.01 in July 2014 that require the Board to maintain a registry that lists unlicensed individuals that have completed a Board approved 20-hour medication administration training program. *Be advised this registry only provides assurance that those individuals listed have met minimal criteria and training to accept the delegated task of medication administration pursuant to ARSD 20:48:04.01 Delegation of Nursing Tasks from a licensed RN or LPN while under nurse supervision. The registry should not take the place of an employer's hiring screening or background check.*

The Medication Aide Registry is being implemented in phases. The first phase is to grandfather current medication aides onto the registry through a brief application process.	
PHASE I	Grandfather current medication aides through application process
PHASE 2	Implement the required medication aide exam
PHASE 3	Facilitate the renewal process every two years

READY NOW:

- To apply to be grandfathered onto the registry, download, complete, and submit the "Medication Aide Application". There is a link to the application on our homepage.
- Applications to grandfather onto the registry will be reviewed and processed through 2015.

FUTURE:

- In the future (date to be determined) medication aide students will be required to pass the 20 hours of required training, and then take and pass a required exam in order to be placed on the registry. There will be no fee for the exam. There will be a proctor process. Stay tuned to our website for further details and updates on the exam.

Please share this notice with medication aides you know and licensed nurses who oversee and supervise them. Please contact Stephanie Orth, Stephanie.orth@state.sd.us or Winora Robles, Winora.Robles@state.sd.us, at the South Dakota Board of Nursing office if you have any questions or need more information on the medication aide registration process. Thank you for your assistance with this process.